Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12 Cancelled (Without disclaimer or prejudice).

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic commerce system comprising:

a customer, an issuer of at least one token, a vendor which sells goods or services and a delegate which can spend the at least one token with the vendor and wherein:

the customer receives at least one token from the issuer, the at least one token being stored in a portable radio communication device of the customer, the customer activates the at least one token for use in buying the goods or the services from the vendor, the customer selects between spending the at least one token with the vendor to buy the goods or services, or delegates the at least one token to the delegate via a radio communication device of the delegate such that the delegate can spend the at least one token with the vendor to buy the goods or services.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13 wherein:

the vendor presents a spent token to the Issuer who redeems the token for monetary value.

15. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 13 wherein:

the at least one token provided by the issuer when the issuer has authenticated the identity of the customer is defined as at least one Pre Token represented as ~~comprises a PreToken given by~~,

~~PreToken =~~ S(Rp, Auth, Ss)

wherein S indicates an executable event in which Rp represents the Recipient, Ss represents the Sender and Auth is indicative of the goods/service.

16. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14 wherein:

the at least one token provided by the issuer when the issuer has authenticated the identity of the customer is defined as at least one Pre Token represented as~~comprises a PreToken given by~~,

~~PreToken =~~ S(Rp, Auth, Ss)

wherein S indicates an executable event in which Rp represents the Recipient, Ss represents the Sender and Auth is indicative of the goods/service.

17. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 15 wherein:

the at least one PreToken is placed in a group.~~is grouped to provide a GroupToken given by~~,

~~GroupToken = sequence of (PreToken).~~

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18. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 16 wherein:

the at least one PreToken is placed in a group ~~is grouped to provide a GroupToken given by,~~

~~GroupToken = sequence of (PreToken).~~

19. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 17 wherein:

the at least one PreToken or the group ~~or GroupToken~~ is assigned to provide a DelegatedToken given by,

DelegatedToken = S(PreToken/GroupToken, Dp, Cs),

wherein S indicates an executable event in which the at least one PreToken or the group ~~GroupToken~~ is transferred from the Customer (Cs) to the Delegate (Dp).

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 18 wherein:

the at least one PreToken or the group ~~or GroupToken~~ is assigned to provide a DelegatedToken given by,

DelegatedToken = S(PreToken/GroupToken, Dp, Cs),

wherein S indicates an executable event in which the at least one PreToken or the group ~~GroupToken~~ is transferred from the Customer (Cs) to the Delegate (Dp).

21. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 19 wherein:

the at least one PreToken, ~~GroupToken~~ the group or the at least one

Delegated Token is spent with the vendor to

provide a SpentToken or a SpentDelegatedToken given by,

SpentToken = S(PreToken/~~GroupToken~~the group, Mp, Cs),

wherein S indicates an executable event in which a PreToken or ~~GroupToken~~

the group is spent by the customer (Cs) with the vendor (Mp), and

SpentDelegatedToken = S(DelegatedToken, Mp, Ds),

wherein S indicates an executable event in with ~~a~~ the at least one

DelegatedToken is spent by the delegate (Ds) with the vendor (Mp).

22. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 20 wherein:

the at least one PreToken, ~~GroupToken~~ the group or the at least one

Delegated Token is spent with the vendor to

provide a SpentToken or a SpentDelegatedToken given by,

SpentToken = S(PreToken/~~GroupToken~~the group, Mp, Cs),

wherein S indicates an executable event in which a PreToken or ~~GroupToken~~

the group is spent by the customer (Cs) with the vendor (Mp), and

SpentDelegatedToken = S(DelegatedToken, Mp, Ds),

wherein S indicates an executable event in with ~~a~~ the at least one

DelegatedToken is spent by the delegate (Ds) with the vendor (Mp).

23. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 21 wherein:

the vendor redeems the SpentToken or SpentDelegatedToken with ~~the~~ an
issuer to result in a RedeemedToken given by,

RedeemedToken [-]$\underline{=}$ S(SpentToken/SpentDelegatedToken, Ms),

wherein S indicates an executable event in which a SpentToken or
SpentDelegatedToken is redeemed by the vendor ~~(Ms)~~.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for providing electronic commerce
involving a customer, an issuer, a delegate and a vendor comprising:

the customer receives at least one electronic token from the issuer and stores
the token in a portable radio communication device of the customer, the customer
activates the at least one electronic token so that the at least one electronic token is
usable for obtaining goods or services from the vendor; and

the customer selects between spending the token with the vendor, or
delegating the token to the delegate by transferring the token to a portable radio
communication device of the delegate for storage therein.

25. (Previously Presented) An electronic commerce system involving a
customer, an issuer of electronic tokens, a delegate and a vendor of goods or
services comprising:

a device of the customer which is connectable via a communication link to a
device of the delegate with the device of the customer obtaining electronic tokens
from the issuer of electronic tokens and storing the tokens; and wherein

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the electronic tokens are activatable such that the tokens are usable for purchasing goods or services from the vendor and a selection is made to choose between spending the electronic tokens stored by the device of the customer to obtain the goods or services or to delegate the electronic tokens to the device of the delegate for use by the device of the delegate to obtain the goods or services.

26. (Previously Presented) An electronic commerce system comprising:

a first terminal device associated with a first user;

a second terminal device associated with a second user;

an issuer which issues electronic tokens for defining obtainable goods or services; and

a vendor from which the obtainable goods or services are obtainable by use of the electronic tokens; and wherein

the first terminal device communicates with the issuer to obtain the electronic coupons, stores the electronic coupons and transfers the electronic coupons to the second terminal device and the second terminal device communicates with the vendor to obtain the goods or services.

27. (Previously Presented) A portable radio device which is associated with a first user and which is for use in communicating with a terminal device associated with a second user, for use with an issuer of electronic tokens and for use with a vendor of goods or services which are obtainable by use of the electronic coupons comprising:

a storage for storing the electronic coupons obtained from the issuer of

electronic tokens which are activatable for defining the goods or services which are obtainable from the vendor; and wherein

the portable radio device communicates with the terminal device associated with the second user to transfer the activatable electronic tokens to the terminal device associated with the second user for use by the terminal device associated with the second user to obtain the obtainable goods or services from the vendor.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of operating an electronic commerce system comprising:

delivering electronic tokens to a terminal device from an issuer of electronic tokens;

receiving and storing the electronic tokens in the terminal device;

activating the electronic tokens for purchasing predefined goods or services;

delegating the activated electronic tokens to another terminal device; and

purchasing the predefined goods or services with the another terminal device using the activated electronic tokens.

29. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ use<u>d</u> ~~of the token~~ in the system of claim 13<u>, wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

30. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ use<u>d</u> ~~of the token~~ in the method of claim 24<u>, wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

31. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ use<u>d</u> ~~of the token~~ in the system of claim 25<u>, wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

32. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ use<u>d</u> ~~of the token~~ in the system of claim 26<u>, wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

33. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ use<u>d</u> ~~of the token~~ in the portable radio device of claim 27 <u>wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

34. (Currently Amended) An electronic token ~~comprising: at least one parameter specifying~~ used ~~of the token~~ in the method of claim 28 <u>wherein the electronic token includes at least one parameter specifying a use thereof</u>.

35. (New) An electronic commerce system comprising:

a first user terminal device associated with a first user;

a second user terminal device associated with a second user;

an account processor means associated with an issuer of electronic tokens;

transaction means associated with a vendor of obtainable goods or services;

the first user terminal device having means for communicating with the account processor means so as to obtain electronic tokens from the account processor means;

means for storing the electronic tokens;

means for activating the electronic tokens for defining the obtainable goods or services from the vendor;

means for communicating with the second user terminal device so as to transfer the activatable electronic tokens to said second user terminal device;

the second user terminal device including means for receiving the electronic tokens from the first user terminal device; and

means for communicating with the transaction means so as to obtain the obtainable goods or services from the vendor in exchange for the electronic tokens.

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